

PART 616—INTERSTATE ARRANGEMENT FOR COMBINING EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

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§ 616.1 Purpose of arrangement.

This arrangement is approved by the Secretary under the provisions of section 3304(a)(9)(B) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to establish a system whereby an unemployed worker with covered employment or wages in more than one State may combine all such employment and wages in one State, in order to qualify for benefits or to receive more benefits.

§ 616.2 Consultation with the State agencies.

As required by section 3304(a)(9)(B), this arrangement has been developed in consultation with the State unemployment compensation agencies. For purposes of such consultation in its formulation and any future amendment the Secretary recognizes, as agents of the State agencies, the duly designated representatives of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies.

§ 616.3 Interstate cooperation.

Each State agency will cooperate with every other State agency by implementing such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be prescribed for the operation of this arrangement. Each State agency shall identify the paying and the transferring State with respect to Combined-Wage Claims filed in its State.

§ 616.4 Rules, regulations, procedures, forms—resolution of disagreements.

All State agencies shall operate in accordance with such rules, regulations, and procedures, and shall use such forms, as shall be prescribed by the Secretary in consultation with the State unemployment compensation agencies. All rules, regulations, and standards prescribed by the Secretary with respect to intrastate claims will apply to claims filed under this arrangement unless they are clearly inconsistent with the arrangement. The Secretary shall resolve any disagreement between State agencies concerning the operation of the arrangement, with the advice of the duly designated representatives of the State agencies.

§ 616.5 Effective date.

This arrangement shall apply to all new claims (to establish a benefit year) filed under it after December 31, 1971.

§ 616.6 Definitions.

These definitions apply for the purpose of this arrangement and the procedures issued to effectuate it.

(a) *State*. "State" includes the States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and includes the Virgin Islands effective on the day after the day on which the Secretary approves under section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 3304(a)), an unemployment compensation law submitted to the Secretary by the Virgin Islands for approval.

(b) *State agency*. The agency which administers the unemployment compensation law of a State.

(c) *Combined-Wage Claim*. A claim filed under this arrangement.

(d) *Combined-Wage Claimant*. A claimant who has covered wages under the unemployment compensation law of more than one State and who has filed a claim under this arrangement.

(e) *Paying State*. (1) The State in which a Combined-Wage Claimant files a Combined-Wage Claim, if the claimant qualifies for unemployment benefits in that State on the basis of combined employment and wages.

(2) If the State in which a Combined-Wage Claimant files a Combined-Wage